

# EHR Incentive Program 2015 through 2017 Objectives and Measures for Eligible Professionals



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<p><b><u>Objective 1:</u></b> <b><u>Protect Patient Health Information</u></b></p> <p>Click link for specification sheet for objective (sometimes it takes 2 times to get the page to load)</p>	<p><b><u>Measure:</u></b> Conduct or review a security risk analysis in accordance with the requirements in 45 CFR 164.308(a)(1), including addressing the security (to include encryption) of ePHI created or maintained in CEHRT in accordance with requirements under 45 CFR 164.312(a)(2)(iv) and 45 CFR 164.306(d)(3), and implement security updates as necessary and correct identified security deficiencies as part of the EP's risk management process.</p> <p>For information specific to the Security Risk Assessment in 2015 and subsequent years, see: <a href="#"><b><u>FAQ #13649</u></b></a></p>	NONE
<p><b><u>Objective 2:</u></b> <b><u>Clinical Decision Support</u></b></p>	<p><i>In order for EPs to meet the objective they must satisfy both of the following measures:</i></p> <p><b><u>Measure 1:</u></b> Implement five clinical decision support interventions related to four or more clinical quality measures at a relevant point in patient care for the entire EHR reporting period. Absent four clinical quality measures related to an EP's scope of practice or patient population, the clinical decision support interventions must be related to high priority health conditions.</p> <p><b><u>Measure 2:</u></b> The EP has enabled and implemented the functionality for drug-drug and drug allergy interaction checks for the entire EHR reporting period.</p>	<p><i>For an EHR reporting period in 2015 only, the provider who is scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1:</i></p> <p><b><u>Alternate Objective and Measure 1:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Objective:</u></b> Implement one clinical decision support rule relevant to specialty or high clinical priority, along with the ability to track compliance with that rule.</p> <p><b><u>Measure:</u></b> Implement one clinical decision support rule.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 3:</u></b> <b><u>Computerized Provider Order Entry</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Measure 1:</u></b> More than <b>60</b> percent of medication orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p><b><u>Measure 2:</u></b> More than <b>30</b> percent of laboratory orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p><b><u>Measure 3:</u></b> More than <b>30</b> percent of radiology orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p>	<p><b><u>Alternate Measure 1:</u></b> For Stage 1 providers in 2015, more than <b>30</b> percent of all unique patients with at least one medication in their medication list seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period have at least one medication order entered using CPOE; or more than <b>30</b> percent of medication orders created by the EP during the EHR reporting period are recorded using computerized provider order entry.</p> <p><b><u>Alternate Exclusion for Measure 2:</u></b> Providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may claim an exclusion for measure 2 (laboratory orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015; and, providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2016 may claim</p>

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		<p>an exclusion for measure 2 (laboratory orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2016.</p> <p><b>Alternate Exclusion for Measure 3:</b> Providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 may claim an exclusion for measure 3 (radiology orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2015; and, providers scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2016 may claim an exclusion for measure 3 (radiology orders) of the Stage 2 CPOE objective for an EHR reporting period in 2016.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 4:</u></b> <b><u>Electronic Prescribing</u></b></p>	<p><b>EP Measure:</b> More than 50 percent of permissible prescriptions written by the EP are queried for a drug formulary and transmitted electronically using CEHRT.</p>	<p><b>Alternate EP Measure:</b> For Stage 1 providers in 2015, more than 40 percent of all permissible prescriptions written by the EP are transmitted electronically using CEHRT.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 5:</u></b> <b><u>Health Information Exchange</u></b></p>	<p><b>Measure:</b> The EP that transitions or refers their patient to another setting of care or provider of care must (1) use CEHRT to create a summary of care record; and (2) electronically transmit such summary to a receiving provider for more than 10 percent of transitions of care and referrals.</p> <p><b>FAQs applicable to this objective:</b>  <a href="#">FAQ 12817</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 9690</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 10660</a></p>	<p><b>Alternate Exclusion:</b> Provider may claim an exclusion for the Stage 2 measure that requires the electronic transmission of a summary of care document if for an EHR reporting period in 2015, they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 6:</u></b> <b><u>Patient Specific Education</u></b></p>	<p><b>EP Measure:</b> Patient specific education resources identified by CEHRT are provided to patients for more than 10 percent of all unique patients with office visits seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p><b>FAQs applicable to this objective:</b>  <a href="#">FAQ 12821</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 12825</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 8231</a></p>	<p><b>Alternate Exclusion:</b> Provider may claim an exclusion for the measure of the Stage 2 Patient Specific Education objective if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 but did not intend to select the Stage 1 Patient Specific Education menu objective.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 7:</u></b> <b><u>Medication Reconciliation</u></b></p>	<p><b>Measure:</b> The EP performs medication reconciliation for more than 50 percent of transitions of care in which the patient is transitioned into the care of the EP.</p>	<p><b>Alternate Exclusion:</b> Provider may claim an exclusion for the measure of the Stage 2 Medication Reconciliation objective if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1 but did not intend to select the Stage 1 Medication Reconciliation menu objective.</p>

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<p><b><u>Objective 8:</u></b> <b><u>Patient Electronic Access (VDT)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>EP Measure 1:</u></b> More than 50 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period are provided timely access to view online, download, and transmit to a third party their health information subject to the EP's discretion to withhold certain information.</p> <p><b><u>EP Measure 2:</u></b> For an EHR reporting period in 2015 and 2016, at least one patient seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or patient-authorized representative) views, downloads or transmits to a third party his or her health information during the EHR reporting period. For an EHR reporting period in 2017, more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period (or patient-authorized representative) views, downloads or transmits their health information to a third party during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p><b>FAQs applicable to this objective</b>  <a href="#">FAQ 12821</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 12825</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 8231</a></p>	<p><b><u>Alternate Exclusion Measure 2:</u></b> Providers may claim an exclusion for the second measure if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 9:</u></b> <b><u>Secure Messaging</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Measure:</u></b> For an EHR reporting period in 2015, the capability for patients to send and receive a secure electronic message with the EP was fully enabled during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p>For an EHR reporting period in 2016, for at least 1 patient seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative) during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p>For an EHR reporting period in 2017, for more than 5 percent of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period, a secure message was sent using the electronic messaging function of CEHRT to the patient (or the patient-authorized representative), or in response to a secure message sent by the patient (or the patient-authorized representative) during the EHR reporting period.</p> <p><b>FAQs applicable to this objective</b>  <a href="#">FAQ 12825</a>  <a href="#">FAQ 8231</a></p>	<p><b><u>Alternate Exclusion:</u></b> An EP may claim an exclusion for the measure if for an EHR reporting period in 2015 they were scheduled to demonstrate Stage 1, which does not have an equivalent measure.</p>

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<p><a href="#"><u>Objective 10: Public Health Reporting</u></a></p>	<p><b><u>Measure Option 1 – Immunization Registry Reporting:</u></b> The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.</p> <p><b><u>Measure Option 2 – Syndromic Surveillance Reporting:</u></b> The EP is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.</p> <p><b><u>Measure Option 3 – Specialized Registry Reporting:</u></b> The EP is in active engagement to submit data to a specialized registry.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Click here for FAQ13409</u></a> – for providers submitting Stage 1 in 2015</p> <p><b><u>Alternate Exclusions:</u></b> <i>EPs scheduled to be in Stage 1:</i> Must attest to at least 1 measure from the Public Health Reporting Objective Measures 1-3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May claim an Alternate Exclusion for Measure 1, Measure 2, or Measure 3.</li> <li>• An Alternate Exclusion may only be claimed for up to two measures, then the provider must either attest to or meet the exclusion requirements for the remaining measure described in 495.22(e)(10)(i)(C).</li> </ul> <p><i>EPs scheduled to be in Stage 2:</i> Must attest to at least 2 measures from the Public Health Reporting Objective Measures 1-3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May claim an alternate exclusion for Measure 2 or Measure 3 (Syndromic Surveillance Measure or Specialized Registry Reporting Measure) or both.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>FAQ 13409</u></b> <b>Question:</b> For 2015, how should a provider report on the public health reporting objective if they had planned to be in Stage 1 meaningful use which required sending a test message and continued submission if successful, but did not require registration of intent?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> We did not intend to require providers to engage in new activities during 2015, which may not be feasible after the publication of the final rule in order to successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2015. Since providers in <b>Stage 1 in 2015</b> were not previously required to submit a registration of intent to submit data to meet Objective 10 measures, providers may meet the measures by having sent a test message or by being in production. Providers who have sent a test message can be considered to have met Option 2 of Active Engagement - Test and Validation; providers who are in production can be considered to have met Option 3 of Active Engagement - Production. Created 11/9/2015</p>